Implementation of margin money plan by KVIC in Rajasthan

1165. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a written request from the State Government of Rajasthan on 1st November, 2001 to release an amount of Rs. 3.75 crore for Margin Money to the KVI Board, Rajasthan;

(b) whether the State Government has also requested the Centre to solve some problems arising in the implementation of Margin Money Plan being operated by the Khadi and Village Udyog Commission, Bombay, at present; and

(c) if so, what action Government have taken till date in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA): (a) Yes, Sir. The Minister, Labour, Employment, Khadi and Village Industries, of Rajasthan had made a request for release of Rs. 3.75 crore under Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) *vide* their letter date 18th June, 2001 addressed to the Union Minister of State for Small Scale Industries and Agro and Rural Industries.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) had issued revised guidelines for implementation of the Margin Money Scheme under the REGP. The State/UTKBI Boards are now authorised to implement Margin Money Scheme or reimbursement basis. Adequate funds have also been placed with Nationalised banks for implementation of the REGP. Moreover, the KVIC has released an amount of Rs. 3.70 crore under REGP to Rajasthan Khadi and Village Industries Board (KVIB) in December, 2001.